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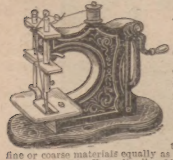

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THE "P.I.P." NARRATIVE OF THE BOER WAR.

"BOBS'" MASTERLY PLAN OF CAMPAIGN.

VICTORIOUS ADVANCE INTO THE ORANGE FREE STATE.

GENERAL FRENCH'S DASHING CAVALRY EXPLOIT.

HE RELIEVES KIMBERLEY.

JACOBSDAL OCCUPIED.

LORD KITCHENER AND KELLY-KENNY PURSUE CRONJE.

FIELD-MARSHAL LORD ROBERTS at a stroke sent a thrill of joyous hope through the British Empire by the good news that our foremost Cavalry Leader, General French, had actually relieved Kimberley, causing the Boer General Cronje to abandon Magersfontein, and retreat to the Orange Free State. The glad tidings naturally evoked enthusiasm among all classes in London. Gloom was removed. Public confidence was restored. Congratulations were general. Ay—the victory may well have occasioned widespread satisfaction. But what of the patient thought, careful planning, painstaking organisation, swift execution, which secured the success? Let fresh praise be awarded in unstinted measure to

"Fighting Bobs"

for this latest exhibition of those rare qualities which were displayed in his famous March to Kandahar. It is no exaggeration to say that Lord Roberts is the one military leader in whom fullest trust is placed by the country.

SCENE OF LORD ROBERTS'S OPERATIONS AT KIMBERLEY AND JACOBSDAL.

Schooled in the vast continent which gave Wellington his first lesson in War, Frederick Sleigh Roberts fought his way up by sheer merit (which there is fair reason to hope, from Mr. Wyndham's sensible speeches in the House of Commons, will in a measure displace the gross class favouritism which has thrown a blight over our Army in the past). Son of the late General Sir Abraham Roberts, he was born in Cawnpore on Sept. 30, 1832. Although now in his sixty-eighth year, he is physically as well as mentally alert, "as hard as nails," and he is unquestionably most ably supported and seconded by a clever and vigorous organiser of a younger generation, Lord Kitchener. Much, indeed, of the masterfulness which characterised Lord Roberts's triumphant conduct of the memorable March to Kandahar against the warlike Afghans was conspicuous in Kitchener's defeat of the Mahdi at Omdurman and his reconquest of the Soudan. So that in the association of the experienced Field-Marshal with our most popular General (both Masons, by the way) we have the best possible combination in South Africa. Then there is, in addition,

General French,

whose name is associated with the chief victories gained in this sanguinary war. It was he who commanded at Elandslaagte, gaining the generous praise of Sir George White at the time. It was General French again who (escaping from Ladysmith in the nick of time) worried the Boers round Colesberg by incessant cavalry charges; and, maintaining that secrecy so supremely essential in war (yet so unaccountably neglected by Lord Lansdowne), moved with such celerity to the Modder River that he was enabled to effect the relief of Kimberley before many were aware that he had left Colesberg. Rightly did the Queen signalise her appreciation of his gallantry and smartness by promptly raising him to the rank of Major-General, for it is but just that such notable services should be liberally and swiftly, rather than tardily, recognised and rewarded.

Lord Roberts's Address to the Troops at Modder River.

A *P.I.P.* Artist realises the inspiring scene at Modder Camp on Feb. 10, when Lord Roberts received such a hearty welcome from the battalions of the Highland Brigade, fresh back from their westward expedition to Koodoosberg, under "Fighting Mac"—General Hector MacDonald. The Commander-in-Chief addressed a brief speech to each battalion. He referred (according to Laffan) to his past associations with their regiments in India, where, he said, they helped to make him.

Lord Roberts said he had never campaigned without Highlanders, and he would not like to be without them now. He was glad General MacDonald had reported well of them. He recalled how the Seaforths once made a long and arduous march with him. They would have a shorter one now, he said, but it would not be a "walk-over." Nevertheless, he did not doubt that it would be a successful one.

The brigade gave three cheers for the Commander-in-Chief and another for Lady Roberts. Lord Roberts, acknowledging the compliment, said that Lady Roberts was doing for them at home what was, perhaps, better work than his, by helping the welfare of their wives and families.

Lord Roberts's Own Despatches

first informed the public of his successful advance from Modder River to Jacobsdal—

Riet River, Feb. 13.

Colonel Hannay, in command of a brigade of Mounted Infantry, marching from Orange River to Ramdam, had a slight engagement on 11th inst. with some Boers who held the hills. Threatening the right flank with a detached part of his force, he contained the enemy while he pushed his baggage and main body through to Ramdam. The object of the march was successfully carried out. Casualties: 4 killed, 22 wounded, 13 missing. Names will follow.

On 12th inst. the Cavalry Division under French successfully seized the crossing of the Riet River at Dekiel's Drift, on the east bank of which the Sixth and Seventh Divisions are now encamped. Our casualties—Killed: One trooper, Roberts's Horse (name will follow). Wounded: Captain Majendie, Rifle Brigade, second in command of Roberts's Horse (since dead); Trumpeter Gair, Roberts's Horse, slight; 3912 Crowe, Inniskilling Dragoons, severe.

Dekiel's Drift, Feb. 14.

General French left this at 11.30 yesterday morning with three brigades Cavalry, Horse Artillery, and Mounted Infantry, including several Colonial contingents, in order to seize crossing of Modder, distant about twenty-five miles. He reports at 5.35 p.m. that he had forced a passage at Klip Drift, and had occupied the hills on north of the river, capturing three of the enemy's laagers, with supplies, while Gordon, 15th Hussars, with his brigade, who had made a feint on Rondeval Drift four miles west, had seized it and a second drift between it and Klip and two more laagers. French's performance is brilliant, considering the excessive heat and blinding dust storm which raged during latter part of the day. Owing to the rapidity of his movements, French met with but slight opposition, and his losses are small, Lieutenant Johnson, Inniskilling Dragoons, being the only officer reported severely wounded. Sixth Division was last night on the north bank of the Riet, at Waterval Drift, and is moving to support the cavalry. Seventh Division is here, and goes on this afternoon. Four officers, fifty-three men, had to be sent last evening in return on wagons to the line of railway, prostrate with heat exhaustion.

Jacobsdal, Feb. 16.

French, with Horse Artillery, Cavalry, and Mounted Infantry, reached Kimberley on Thursday evening.

Jacobsdal, Feb. 16.

Following telegram received this morning from French: Have completely dispersed enemy from southern side of Kimberley from Alexandersfontein to Oliphantsfontein, and now (going) to occupy their ground. Have captured enemy's laager and store dépôt of supplies and supplies of ammunition. Following casualties reported: About twenty of all ranks wounded. Kimberley cheerful and well.

Jacobsdal, Feb. 16.

I have good reason for belief that the Magersfontein trenches have been abandoned, and that the Boers are endeavouring to escape. French is scouring the country to the north of Kimberley. One of Kenny's Brigades of Infantry is in pursuit of a very large Boer convoy moving towards Bloemfontein.

Modder River, Feb. 16.

The Sixth Division left Waterval Drift early yesterday morning, and marched here, going on same evening to Rondeval Drift to hold the crossing of the Modder River, and leave French free to act. Shortly after arriving here the Mounted Infantry visited Jacobsdal, and found it full of women and children, with four of our men doing well. On the way back the Mounted Infantry were attacked—nine men wounded. Lieutenant-Colonel Henry, Major Hatchell, and ten men missing. The two officers were subsequently found at Jacobsdal, slightly wounded.

The Cavalry Division is moving in a northern direction, and has apparently already reduced

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the pressure on Kimberley, as Kekewich signals that the enemy has abandoned Alexandersfontein, and that he has occupied it. French has advanced as far as Abonsdam with slight loss, and is pushing on, the posts in his rear being held by Mounted Infantry.

Clements, having been pressed by large numbers, has retired on Arundel to cover Naauwpoort.

I have heard from Baden-Powell at Mafeking through Plumer that on Jan. 25 enemy shelled the convent, used as a convalescent hospital, with 94-pounder guns. Lady Sarah Wilson was slightly wounded. Enemy next day deliberately shelled women's laager with siege guns. No casualties.

JACOBSDAL, Feb. 16, 7.45 p.m.

Much gratified on arrival here to find admirable hospital arrangements made by German Ambulance, under Doctors Kaettner and Hildebrand, who, with their staff, have shown the greatest kindness to our wounded, as they have to Boer wounded. Some of our wounded have been here since December, and some were brought in yesterday. I have inspected the hospital, and am much gratified with what I have seen. There are two officers and about thirty-five of our wounded here.

The Celerity of General French's Dash on Kimberley

was brought home to us anew by the *Daily News* Special's letter, wired from Modder River on Sunday last, Feb. 18—

Lord Roberts's consummate generalship was accompanied by the utmost secrecy. Common people, like regimental commanders and newspaper correspondents, did not obtain the slightest inkling of what the immediate future was to bring forth. Even the senior officers, who were assigned the important duty of taking the Sixth Division from Modder River, did not know what they would have to do after the railway had landed their troops at Enslin siding.

On Nearing the River Riet,

at Waterfals Drift, French found an unexpectedly small force of Boers in position to dispute his passage. He quickly drove them off, and, crossing the drift, marched on towards Jacobsdal, finally bivouacking at one o'clock on Thursday morning, at Wagdraas. During the brief rest, General French sent patrols on towards Jacobsdal, and ascertained that the town was not held in force by the enemy, and that a British Infantry Division was well on its way thither.

After a much-needed rest for men and horses, French resumed his march, taking the Blaauwbosch road and leaving Jacobsdal on the left.

The Burning Sun was Succeeded by Terrific Tropical Rain,

accompanied by continuous and blinding lightning. The road was soon like a morass, but French plodded doggedly on, and reached the Modder River at Klip Drift just before midnight. The Division had then covered twenty-six miles in twenty-four hours.

Nearing the Modder River, French's first care was to take steps for covering the passage of the Division by Klip Drift. To that end orders were given for a 12-pounder naval gun to be placed at the top of a kopje dominating a ridge and commanding the river.

The Bluejackets Got Cheerily to Work,

but before they had got far with their big gun one of the wheels of the carriage collapsed beyond possibility of quick mending. With little delay the resourceful sailors, with the willing assistance of stalwart troopers, lifted the 12-pounder bodily from the damaged carriage, and hauled and dragged and carried it over broken and constantly rising ground a distance of two miles to the summit of the kopje. It was a grand performance, and well deserved the warm eulogy and thanks which Lord Kitchener has since conveyed to all concerned in it.

Photo. Knight, Aldershot.

LIEUTENANT-GENERAL JOHN DENTON PINKSTONE FRENCH.
THE GALLANT RELIEVER OF KIMBERLEY.

No sooner had the big gun been got to the summit of the kopje than the bluejackets set to work, and improvised a platform for it so speedily and cleverly that when the Division in the early morning commenced the passage of the river, the 12-pounder was able to take an effective part in the artillery fire with which the operation was covered. By Wednesday afternoon French was in occupation of both sides of the river, and this work was achieved at a trifling loss in wounded men.

Leaving troops and the naval and other guns to guard the drift,

French, with the Bulk of the Forces, including the Royal Horse Artillery, moved steadily on towards Beaconsfield and Kimberley. As he left the river he was shelled by a Boer battery placed on a towering kopje, but there were enough troops left at the drift to contain the Boers in that vicinity, and French hurried on regardless of the bombardment, which, in truth, did scarcely any damage. It was subsequently ascertained that the naval gun at Klip Drift had a most enjoyable day's work, winding up with the retreat of the Boers who had worried French. It was more of a rout than a retreat, for about a thousand Boers bolted from their positions, which the 12-pounder had made too hot for them, and galloping madly across the plain, sought refuge in a distant laager. Our guns rained shells upon them as they fled, and they must have suffered very heavily.

The First British Cheers from Kimberley.

The Cavalry Division heard the first welcoming cheer some miles south of Kimberley. It came from British troops ensconced in an outlying Boer redoubt, which our men had captured not long previously. The welcome sound increased as French pushed on in the darkness, relieved at intervals by the brightness of the big searchlight at De Beers.

At Last the Division was in Kimberley

with the delighted townspeople and lately beleaguered and sore-pressed soldiers crowding around and amongst the troopers, cheering and shouting and weeping for joy. The entire town had met French in the outskirts, and joined in the triumphal procession through the roads and streets. Every road to Kimberley is now open. Mr. Cecil Rhodes was in excellent spirits.

The *Daily Telegraph* Correspondent says: French, with 8000 cavalry and mounted infantry, and seventy-six guns, came in view of Kimberley at 2.30 p.m. on the Thursday, and had entered at 5.25. The Correspondent claims that he was the first to get into the town.

The Correspondent of the *Telegraph* who was locked up in the beleaguered town, sent word: General French entered Kimberley practically unopposed. The Boers shelled the town within a few hours of the arrival of the relief force, doing much damage to property. Our total casualties were five killed and twelve wounded.

Lord Methuen in Kimberley.

The Cape Town correspondent of the *Daily News* learnt on Sunday that "Lord Methuen's force had arrived at Kimberley, having got through from Magersfontein without fighting."

Pursuit of Cronje by Kelly-Kenny.

The special correspondent of the *Daily News* in a telegram from Modder River, sent off last Sunday morning, said—

The whole of the enemy's force, under the command of Cronje, is now in flight. The suddenness of our appearance seems to have astounded the enemy, and thrown them into a state of panic. All their positions have been hurriedly evacuated, and the big guns at Magersfontein and Kimberley left.

Cronje moved his transport, consisting of many hundred wagons, along the bank of kopjes north of the Modder towards Koffyfontein. Their transport got past our mounted infantry, but

A Daring Colonial Scout rode parallel to the Boer trenches at 800 yards. He drew their fire, but he found their position accurately, and saved himself by the skin of his teeth.

GALLANTRY OF A COLONIAL SCOUT AT MODDER RIVER.

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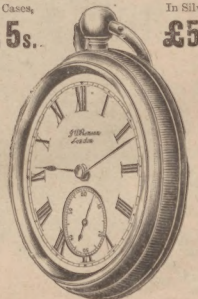

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owing to weariness had to stop. Our artillery immediately opened on it.

The main body of the Boer force kept up a running fight the whole day, vainly trying to escape. Each time their advanced guard advanced our mounted troops galloped round and checked them. We never attempted to stop (?) their main position, contenting ourselves by trying to check them.

The position at Koffyfontein is said to be very strong. The Boers entertain a wholesome dread of 10,000 cavalry moving more quickly than they do themselves. We hope to be in Bloemfontein shortly.

From Reuter's man at Jacobsdal, Feb. 17: News has just been received that General Kelly-Kenny is still pursuing General Cronje's army. He has captured over a hundred wagons and a German ambulance. The prisoners state that if the pursuit is continued the whole force will probably surrender. The Highland Brigade last night made a forced march from here, and, arriving to-day at General Kelly-Kenny's headquarters, joined in the pursuit.

General French left Kimberley,

moving rapidly, in order to complete the interruption of the Boers, who are in full retreat (added Reuter's representative).

Boer "Victory" at Colesberg.

The *Standard and Diggers' News* (a Boer organ) reported on Feb. 17 a brilliant Boer victory at Colesberg, at which the Victoria Rifles were cut up, and the Guards routed. Major Eddy was killed, and nineteen British prisoners were taken. There were a hundred and fifty other casualties.

A later report said 10,000 Boers had left Colesberg district to defend the Orange Free State.

Boer Reports from Mafeking.

The *Diggers' News* also reports from Mafeking that the British heavily bombarded the Boer forts on Tuesday.

Colonel Plumer, with the relief column, was driven back from Fort Ramontsa, the British loss being six killed and four wounded.

Night Bayonet Charge by Brabant's Men: Laager and Stores Captured.

Lord Roberts wired to the Secretary of State for War on Feb. 18 from Jacobsdal—

Brabant wires from Bird River, 17th, that he attacked Boer position previous day. He gradually closed in on laager during day, fighting lasting from nine a.m. till dusk.

At midnight Captain Flanagan, 1st Brabant's Horse, attacked and took laager at point of bayonet, capturing stores. Enemy has now taken up position on heights near Dordrecht, where they have a Krupp gun. Our casualties are slight, seven killed and eight wounded. Dordrecht has been occupied by our troops, the Boers having retired during Sunday night. (General Brabant has received warm congratulations from Lord Roberts for his occupation of Dordrecht.)

General Clements Reports from Arundel

that he made a reconnaissance on Feb. 17, and found the enemy in position west of Rensburg, Lord Roberts added.

Mr. Cecil Rhodes

has intimated (says the Cape Town correspondent of the *Standard*) that all the women and children who have been through the siege with him will be conveyed to the seaside at his expense. The "Diamond King" was naturally in excellent spirits when General French relieved the city.

Buller Drives the Boers Across the Tugela.

General Sir Redvers Buller cabled from Chieveley Camp last Monday—

I yesterday moved round the enemy's flank. The Queen's who had bivouacked on the northern slope of Angolo, crossed the nek, and supported by the rest of the 2nd Brigade, under General Hildyard, assaulted and took the southern end of Monte Cristo—the 4th Brigade, on the left slope, the western.

The Royal Welsh Fusiliers, supported by the rest of the 6th Brigade, assailed the eastern flank of the enemy's position, while the 2nd Brigade of Cavalry, on the extreme right, watched the eastern slopes of Monte Cristo and drove back those of the enemy who went there to escape from our artillery fire.

Assaulted by a heavy artillery fire on their front and flank, and attacked on their flank and rear, the enemy made but slight resistance, and abandoning their strong position, were driven across the Tugela.

I have taken several camps and wagon-load of ammunition, and several of stores and supplies, and a few prisoners.

The weather has been intensely hot, and the ground traversed exceedingly difficult, the energy and dash of the troops have been pleasant to see, and all have done well.

The work of the Irregular Cavalry, the Queen's, the Scots Fusiliers, and the Rifle Brigade, was perhaps most noticeable, while the excellent practice of the artillery and the naval guns, and the steadiness of the gunners under, at times, a very accurate fire, was remarkable.

The accurate fire of the naval guns from Chieveley was of great assistance.

Our casualties are not, I think, heavy.

A Laffan telegram from Chieveley Camp states that General Buller's force had been fighting actively since Feb. 14.

On that day the Irregular Cavalry took possession of Hussar Hill. One force held the ground as far as the Weenen Road, and another was extended over the Blaauwkranz Valley. The Boers tried to regain the hill from the Irregular Cavalry, but by eight in the morning they had been repulsed. Then the infantry arrived.

The troops rested throughout the 15th. On the 16th the advance was recommenced, and a position was occupied about a thousand yards further on.

On the 17th the attack on the Monte Cristo and Cingola positions was commenced. Our right wing swept the enemy off the Cingola in spite of the shell-fire from the Boer guns on the northern hill. Our men then bivouacked on the crossing of the Nek.

General Buller lost no time in opening fire on Monday morning upon the enemy's position from the heights he captured. Our gun swept the enemy's trenches at Colenso.

Lieutenant Churchill, who was recently wounded, is now on the hospital-ship *Maine*, and is being nursed by his mother.

A New Zealander, named Booth, orderly to Major-General Clements, was killed by a shell from the enemy's position to the northward of Rensburg while holding the General's horse.

HARD LUCK!

Viljoen's Gallant Feat.

The *Morning Post's* indefatigable Special War Correspondent, Mr. Winston Churchill, states that in the fighting on Vaal Krantz a Maxim-Vickers gun was abandoned by the enemy in a donga, and it was about to fall into our hands when the fearless Viljoen himself brought back a team of horses and escaped with the gun, threading his way between the red flashes and black clouds of the lyddite shells which the British artillery had concentrated. It was a splendid feat of arms.

Brave Boers Beaten by Braver Britons at Ladysmith.

The *Standard's* Special within Ladysmith has sent home a vivid description of the general attack made by the Boer besiegers on Ladysmith on Saturday, Jan. 6, and beaten back by Sir George White's valiant troops. We quote the passage respecting the scene illustrated in one of the centre pages of the *P.I.P.*—

But Fate was holding the shears over the thread of this heroic life. An hour or two afterwards, when we had, at great sacrifice, reconquered the western limit of the hill, Lieutenant Digby-Jones was in the gun-emplacement with Major Miller-Wallnutt and one or two men. The enemy had been driven back, yet maintained a searching fire, and, having received strong reinforcements, was preparing for another advance. Suddenly three or four great dark shadows were cast over the parapet, in which there were no loop-holes. Von Wyk, leader of the Harrismith commando; Field-Cornet de Villiers, and another brave Boer were making their last desperate charge. Major Miller-Wallnutt shot his man, and fell himself from a bullet aimed at the back of his head. A corporal of the Sappers slew de Villiers, whose bandolier was almost filled with explosive bullets. Lieutenant Digby-Jones, running out of the emplacement, shot the Commandant von Wyk before he himself ended a short, yet heroic, career with a Mauser bullet through the throat. His young and brave comrade, Lieutenant Dennis, R.E., fell soon afterwards while going to the aid of the wounded.

"The Beginning of the End."

According to a *Daily Telegraph* message from Cape Town, the belief is entertained that the backbone of the Boer resistance has been broken. It is conjectured that Mr. Kruger, who is a timorous man, and at the time of the Jameson Raid kept a saddled horse at his door for over twenty-four hours, will recall Joubert to defend Pretoria. It is expected that the Free State burghers will return to their homes and villages, assured by Lord Roberts's proclamation that they will stand in no danger of molestation, and their anxiety will now be to save their farms. The *Cape Times* correspondent says there may be some skirmishing, perhaps one battle, but the beginning of the end is near. The whole section of country round Jacobsdal is clear, and the Boers are in full retreat towards Bloemfontein. They never did, and never will, meet us in the open.

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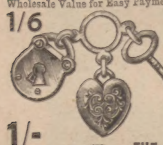

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HOW THE WORLD WAGS.

HER MAJESTY conferred a very great honour last Monday on Bugler Dunne, 1st Battalion Royal Dublin Fusiliers, by presenting him with a silver-mounted bugle bearing the following inscription—

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To replace the bugle lost by him on the field of battle at Colenso on the 15th December, 1899, when he was wounded.

The Queen was pleased to accept a portrait of the brave little fellow (an excellent photograph of whom appeared in last week's *P.I.P.*), and questioned him as to his future. Lieutenant Knox, who had charge of the lad, was also presented to Her Majesty.

Her Majesty has sent a cheque for £1000 as a donation to the Mansion House Fund on behalf of the Indian famine sufferers.

The Prince of Wales has given 250 guineas, the Princess of Wales 100 guineas, and the Duke and Duchess of York £100 to the same fund.

A German Military Critic of the War, remarking upon the Army discussions in the House of Commons, says that "the conscription in England is certain to come"; and he adds: "Why should not the entire male population assist in the defence of their country? The Fatherland has become the leading military Power in that way."

The British Fleet is happily not in the condition represented by a Parisian journal, which states that while "our Army lives on the fame of Wellington, the Navy exists on the reputation of Nelson." The paper in question ignores entirely the changed conditions of naval warfare since Trafalgar. The rapid destruction of the Spanish fleet by the ironclads of the United States should be studied by this ignorant scribe, who also forgets the queries put by an American official, "Whether the French were seeking a naval Sedan?"

Dr. Leyds and His Brussels Door-Plates. Some of the Belgian papers are commenting on the fact that Dr. Leyds has had brass door-plates affixed to his office in Brussels. If his plates resemble his policy they must be brazen indeed. He is doing his utmost to make it appear to his French and German friends that the relief of Kimberley will not dishearten the Boers; but even the most cantankerous of the Parisian journals admit that the British have gained an important victory.

Colonel Kekewich, whose name is pronounced "cake"-wich, comes—like General Buller—of an old Devonshire stock, the head of the family being established at Peamore, near Exeter. The commander of the North Lancashire Regiment, which post he has filled for nearly two years, is a relative of Mr. Justice Kekewich and Sir George Kekewich, the permanent Secretary of the Education Department. His defence of Kimberley ranks but second to that of Mafeking by Baden-Powell. He is a soldier of immense repute as a fighting-man and a skilful commander. Born in 1854, he entered the 102nd Foot from the Militia in 1874, was transferred to the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers as Major in 1890, and afterwards appointed Lieutenant-Colonel commanding his present regiment in Ceylon in 1898. He saw active service within twelve months of entering the Army, taking part in the Perak Expedition of 1875-76, and gaining his first medal and clasp.

COLONEL KEKEWICH.

French's Able Coadjutors.—In our admiration for French and Kekewich we must not allow ourselves to overlook the achievements of other officers, who, although their names may not figure so prominently and so often in the despatches, nevertheless contributed, each according to the opportunities afforded him, to the success of the operation. Whereas all did exceedingly well, none did better than Colonel Hannay and Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon. The former, it will be remembered, with a brigade of Mounted Infantry, made a splendid march from Orange River Station and occupied Ramdam on the Riet River, a hamlet about twelve miles due south of Jacobsdal. Meanwhile, Colonel Gordon, with his brigade of Cavalry diverged to the west and seized Rondeval Drift, on the Modder River, four miles to the west of Klip Drift, together with an intermediate place of crossing. It resulted from these cavalry movements that five laagers containing supplies were captured, Colonel Gordon accounting for two of them. This is not the first time Colonel Hannay has seen service in South Africa. He has the medal for the Zulu War of 1879, and no doubt this experience had much to do with his selection as a special service officer in the present campaign. Colonel Gordon, of the 15th Hussars, has seen a good deal of fighting in various parts of the world, including South Africa, and, in French's opinion, is one of our most rising cavalry officers. He has barely turned his thirty-ninth year, and yet he has to his credit three campaigns—Afghan War (Relief of Kandahar), the Transvaal work of 1881, the Bechuanaland Expedition (as an Adjutant of Mounted Rifles), the Burmese Expedition of 1887, and the Jebus Expedition of 1892. He has been several times mentioned in despatches, and he has commanded the King's Hussars already for two and a half years.

COLONEL HANNAY. LIEUT.-COL. GORDON.

City of London Volunteers in Action. Colonel Cholmondeley and his brother officers, as well as friends at home, may well be proud of the qualities that the City of London Imperial Volunteers are displaying at the front. The Lord Mayor has received the following telegram from Lord Roberts: "Jacobsdal, Feb. 16 (1.15 p.m.). The City of London Imperial Volunteers came under fire for the first time yesterday under Colonel Cholmondeley at Jacobsdal, and behaved most gallantly." The *Chronicle* correspondent sends further testimony to the value of the services rendered by the City Volunteers. On Thursday, after we had evacuated Jacobsdal (says the correspondent), so that the Sixth Division might move on for more important work elsewhere, the enemy reoccupied the place. The Fifteenth Brigade attacked them, consisting of the N. Staffords, Cheshires, E. Lancs., S.W. Borderers, and the C.I.V. The London Volunteers showed the pluck and steadiness under fire of fire-hardened veterans. In fact, their splendid behaviour in action once and for all silenced the "pooh-pooh" spirit of polite toleration in which the Volunteer force has often been treated by the authorities at home. The Staffords on the right charged with the bayonet, but the enemy did not procrastinate. The sight of cold steel was enough. They fled, and the whole line was carried, and Jacobsdal was captured in three hours. The Staffords and the London Volunteers were the first to enter the town, followed by the Borderers. Colonel Cholmondeley, commanding the mounted infantry detachment of Volunteers, who was exposed to a heavy fire, had his horse killed.

COLONEL CHOLMONDELEY.

The London Theatres brightened up wonderfully when the news of Kimberley's relief came. The brilliant and amusing comic opera of "Florodora," the smart Jimmy Davis libretto of which is so diverting, drew the fullest house of the season at the Lyric last Saturday night. "San Toy" and "The Messenger Boy" are equally popular. The Savoy and Drury Lane continue to fill. Of the new pieces or revivals, "Facing the Music" is good for a laugh at the Strand, "Magda" finds Mrs. Patrick Campbell at her very best at the Royalty; "Bootles' Baby" imparts a seasonable military touch to the Garrick; and great results are expected from Miss Clo. Graves's comedy, "The Bishop's Eye," at the Vaudeville, and from Mr. Martin Harvey's Prince of Wales's novelty, "Don Juan's Last Wager." The London Hippodrome is deservedly doing magnificent business.

Marriage of Lord Chesterfield.—It is something of a relief to turn from the interminable news of war, with all its attendant sorrows, to the brighter spectacle of a wedding, and the marriage of the Earl of Chesterfield and Miss Enid Wilson, second daughter of Mr. Charles Wilson, M.P., the senior partner in the big shipowning firm of Thomas Wilson, Sons, and Co., of Hull, gives this very agreeable opportunity. The wedding, which took place last week at St. Mark's Church, North Audley Street, was attended by a large number of the principal leaders of society now in London. Lord Chesterfield, who is somewhat older than the Countess, is a man of distinguished appearance and soldier-like bearing. The bride at the altar wore a dress of fine crêpe-de-chine, trimmed with silver embroidery, and made with a long Court train of heavy white duchesse satin, richly embroidered in silver, in a design of lilies entwined with hearts, and edged with ermine. The corsage was draped with beautiful old Alençon point lace, and the bridal veil was of similar lace. The seven bridesmaids were beautifully attired. The two pages who carried the bride's train were Viscount Edmund, Lord Dudley's son and heir, aged six, and Viscount Wendover, the son of Lord Carrington, aged five. The bride's mother made the happy pair a natty little gift in the shape of a house, No. 5, Grosvenor Gardens, by no means one of the least valuable of the thousand and one presents.

THE COUNTESS OF CHESTERFIELD.

THE EARL OF CHESTERFIELD.

Elephants Run Amok at the Crystal Palace.—One of the most sensational incidents that ever happened at any place of entertainment occurred at the Crystal Palace last Sunday afternoon. Shortly before four o'clock the employés of Sanger's menagerie were engaged tending the animals, when two of a troupe of seven elephants broke loose. "Charlie," an enormous brute which Sanger's has had for forty years, knocked down and trampled to death a keeper named Wood, afterwards entering the Palace and doing a vast amount of damage among the statuary. "Charlie" eventually had to be shot. The other runaway, "Archie," after entering a concert-room, without, however, doing any very great injury, proceeded to roam about the building, knocking down everything that came in his way; finally, going through the grounds, he made for the open country, proceeding through Beckenham, doing no end of damage to the trim suburban gardens. "Archie," however, in spite of every effort made to capture him, remained at large until Monday afternoon, when he was secured on Hayes Common.

Photo. Russell.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR LESLIE RUNDLE,
WHO LEAVES FOR SOUTH AFRICA ON FEB. 24 TO COMMAND THE EIGHTH DIVISION.

Photo. Emily Stewart, Exeter.

KIT INSPECTION OF THE DEVON INFANTRY VOLUNTEERS, WHO LEFT EXETER ON FEB. 14 FOR ACTIVE SERVICE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE WORLD OF PASTIME.

THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION CUP.

So interfered with by the snow on Feb. 10 was the second round of matches in the Cup competition proper that, while only three definite results were arrived at, in more than one case no attempt was made to play.

Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday

had made a draw of it; and this was the result also of a second meeting on Feb. 15, so a third attempt was made on Saturday, with, however, no more definite ending. To watch this last match some 25,000 persons assembled on the Bramall Lane ground, Sheffield, and certainly none of them could have been dissatisfied with the determined character of the play. It was at times inordinately vigorous, proof of the importance both sides attached to the result. Each side scored a goal.

Sheffield United and Sheffield Wednesday Met Again Last Monday,

this time at Owlerton, where 25,000 persons assembled. Three of the Wednesday players, injured on Saturday, had to stand down in favour of sound men. No score was made by either side during the first half. Subsequently the "fight" was of the most determined character. One Wednesday player had his leg broken, another was kicked in the stomach, and both he and the kicker—a player of the opposite side—had to leave the field, the latter being ordered off. This was not the only case of ordering off, for soon after change of ends a Wednesday player charged a rival so foully that the referee gave him his dismissal. In the result Sheffield United won by two goals to none. It was a grand game—for roughness.

John Roberts Challenges the World.

It's the same old challenge, though—Egyptian Hall, Bonzoline balls, and a table selected by Roberts. The challenger is willing to concede 5500 points in a game of 21,000. The stake suggested is £1000. It is odds on somebody coming forward, I think.

In the match between

Liverpool and West Bromwich Albion,

played at Liverpool before 15,000 people, the home side had the advantage of a goal at half-time, but shortly after change of ends the visitors made matters level. Liverpool attacked very strongly time after time, but the defence of West Bromwich proved invulnerable. In the three other matches decisive results were attained, though in that between

Preston North End and Blackburn

it wanted but a few minutes to time when the only goal was kicked—by the first-named. Over-anxiety proved prejudicial to the play, which in the second half was practically innocent of combination, but certainly not of fouls.

Queen's Park Rangers and Millwall Athletic

provided a stubborn but unduly rough game, which provoked much excitement among the 15,000 people assembled at Kensal Rise. Neither side scored in the first half, and on a ground set apart heavy to begin with, and getting worse every minute, Millwall proved themselves in the better fettle, and won by two goals to none. The winners are drawn against Aston Villa in the third round, and have the choice of ground.

Southampton and Newcastle United

met on the ground of the former, and the Southerners came out of the fray triumphant. From the first Southampton played in excellent form, and there seemed every promise of a good game; but during the second portion Newcastle United gave a very disappointing display. Five times the ball was sent between their posts, and though three of the goals were disallowed, Southampton were still left with four, as they scored two to one in the first half. In the third round, to be played on Saturday in the present week, the winners meet Liverpool on the same ground. Few matches were played in the

League First Division.

Aston Villa had an easy task to dispose of Notts County, whose goalkeeper, Suter, prevented the defeat being heavier than by six goals to two. Notts Forest beat Everton by four goals to two, and Derby County won their match against Burnley by two goals to one. Owing to bad weather, Stoke and Sunderland did not attempt to play at Stoke.

Tottenham Hotspur v. Bedminster

was the match in the Southern League competition to which the greatest amount of attention was drawn on Saturday, some 5000 people assembling on the "Spurs" ground. The "going" was heavy, but the players, or the majority of them, got over the ground at a good pace, and caused the game to be fairly fast in the first half, during which Tottenham Hotspur scored four goals and their opponents one. After change of ends the play slackened, and interest in the game gradually died out. Each side added a goal, which left the home side with a victory by five to two. New Brompton, Swindon, and Bristol City also proved successful in their respective matches.

Rugby Football

matches were fairly numerous in the South, though some had to be scratched in consequence of the condition of grounds. At Richmond the famous old club of that name played Cambridge University, and were badly beaten. They were seriously weakened by the retirement of Schwarz, whose knee gave way ten minutes from the start. Rosslyn Park beat Old Merchant Taylors, Kensington and Old Leysians played a draw, London Scottish just beat London Irish, and Harlequins drew with St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Cardiff, on their own ground, gave Moseley a good beating, and Gloucester served Cheltenham in the same way. Newport and Swansea attracted large numbers to the Newport ground, and a fast game ended satisfactorily for the last-named.

A Day of Cross-Country Championships.

The weather of last week, putting a stop to racing, coursing, football, golf, and other sports, created a condition of things for cross-country running far from pleasant. A difficulty presented in an ordinary way nowadays is to get a course which is not too easy, but the elements saw to all this on the present occasion. Heavy is scarcely the word to apply to the state of the "country." Execrable might be more applicable. Then the weather for the

Southern Championships

was most unkind, and had not only an effect upon the attendance of spectators at Wembley Park, but there was, in the Senior event, the smallest field since 1892. It numbered ninety-five, and it says much for the stamina of those engaged that out of ninety-five who started seventy-two finished. This is the sort of thing—a combination of grit and strength—which helped our Volunteers who are with Lord Roberts to gain that great officer's praise the very first time they appeared in action.

Highgate Harriers (Holders)

were greatly fancied, and they did not disappoint their friends, though it was a much closer affair than many had been led to expect. Their first man home was J. Pratt, who finished second. The actual winner was once more that sterling runner C. Bennett, of the Finchley Harriers, who were second. Essex Beagles, who occupied second position, provided the third man, A. W. Cook. The race was, as usual, decided by the points of the first six men of the respective clubs. Those of Highgate totalled 59, Essex Beagles 65, and Finchley Harriers 77. Had the first three men only been counted, Essex Beagles would have been first with 16, Finchley second with 17, and Highgate third with 19. The Juniors' competition fell easily to the

Unity A.C.,

with 57 points against the 99 of Thames Ironworks, who were second. A. E. Hutchings, of the Bexhill H. and H., was again first man home; G. Still, Unity, came next, and D. G. Harris, Reading, was third. The

Midland Championship

fell to Birchfield Harriers, who furnished nine of the first twenty runners. The individual winner was S. J. Robinson, of Northampton, behind whom came W. Stokes, Birchfield, second, and J. Barratt, Small Heath, third, with another Northampton man, G. Coles, fourth. In the

Northern Championship

Senior competition, the Salford Harriers provided the first man home, J. D. Marsh, and won easily with fifty-two points against the ninety-seven of the Bolton Harriers.

BANSHEE.

It Steals No Victories.

The night of September 30 (331 B.C.) was drawing on. The army of Darius, *more than a million strong*, lay out on the great plain under arms. On higher ground were the Macedonians and their allies, only forty-seven thousand in all. The disparity between these numbers appalled the King's staff, and they besought him to attack the enemy by *night* and so conceal *from their own troops* the fearful odds against them.

At this suggestion Alexander laughed and returned the memorable answer, "I STEAL NO VICTORY."

The words of a sportsman rather than of a general, you say. Yet Alexander was right, for on the next day he won his mightiest battle.

What a magnificent thing is a power which conquers in the open, without asking help from luck or chance. Not many such, you say. Granted. Here's a short tale, though, somewhat that way. At least it hints at the possibility of a potency of that breed if it does not quite demonstrate it. Let us see.

It's a woman's story—short, pathetic, and homelike. No armies in it whatever, yet still a battle; a battle of the kind most of us get a taste of more often than we like, and against an enemy who has no objections to stealing a victory whenever he sees an open road to it.

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"My appetite left me and the solid food I used to eat and enjoy I was obliged to leave untouched. Merely light stuff and liquids, these made up my diet; and even *they* produced discomfort and distress, with a special sense of distension of the stomach and tightness of the chest. So bad in time did this come to be that the very sight of food was repugnant to me.

"Then followed a pain at the lower extremity of the back, which was occasionally so keen and cutting as to make me cry out with the agony of it. Now and then this pain would extend to the right hip. The doctors said it was caused by an inflammation of the kidneys. Night was a period of misery and weariness. My rest was obtained only in fragments, and sometimes I would be aroused from sleep by a choking and sinking sensation—so bad I had to fight for my breath.

"Weakness grew upon me until I was confined to my bed for days at a time; then I would crawl feebly out again.

"A local doctor attended me at first. He seemed to understand what ailed me, but could find no remedy for it. Under advice I went, in July 1889, to the Cottage Hospital at St. Leonards-on-Sea, where I was under treatment five months—a long, trying, and almost heart-breaking experience. The change of air did me some good, but after my return home I was soon bad as ever.

"Subsequently I attended St. Thomas's Hospital and the Soho Hospital (London), but what they did for me had no good result. More worried and anxious than ever, now that the probabilities of recovery appeared to get less and less, I consulted other doctors, one after another, and in 1895 Miss Nesbitt, a lady living at Brixton Hill, gave me a letter of recommendation to the Brompton Hospital, but it all came to nothing. By this time I was so low and depressed that *I used to sit down and cry like a child in my loneliness and despair.*

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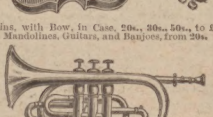

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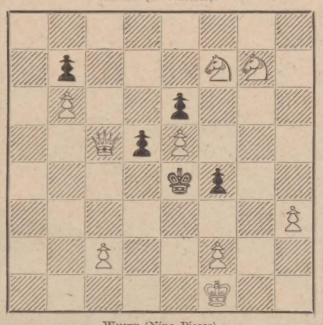
SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 309.

1. R to K 8th	Kt to B 8th
2. Kt to Q 3rd (ch)	K to K 6th
3. B takes P, mate.	

1. R to K 8th	P to K 4th
2. R to K Kt 8th	Kt to K 5th
3. Kt to Q 3rd, mate, &c.	

PROBLEM NO. 310.—BY J. JESPERSEN.

BLACK (Five Pieces).



WHITE (Nine Pieces).

White to play, and mate in two moves.

The following interesting game between T. CRASWELLER and W. WARD forms a valuable contribution to the theory of defending the Queen's side opening—

WHITE (Craswellor, Battersea).	BLACK (Ward, Lee).	WHITE (Craswellor. Battersea).	BLACK (Ward. Lee).
1. P to Q 4th	P to Q 4th	necessity for such a move clearly proves weak opening strategy on the part of the first player.	
2. P to Q B 4th	P to K 3rd		
3. P to K 3rd	P to Q B 3rd	10.	P to K 4th
Only permissible as a preparatory move with P to K 4th, to follow later on.		Practically wins the game.	
4. Q Kt to B 3rd	P to K B 4th	11. Kt to K R 4th	P to B 5th
5. Kt to B 3rd		12. Q to B 2nd	P to K 5th
P to B 4th was obviously the right move here. Black could then neither play P to K 4th, nor could he play P takes P very well, owing to the weak King's Pawn. White would, therefore, strongly maintain the initiative.		Black conducts the attack in most admirable manner, which should serve as an object-lesson to show what an exceedingly fine opening this is if handled with energy and understanding. Black not only prevents B takes P (ch), but also now threatens disintegration by P takes Kt P. White found himself compelled to give a piece as a minor evil; but, though he made a creditable stand against his clever adversary, extending to forty-four moves, the remainder of the game soon became a matter of time.	
3.	B to Q 3rd		
6. P to B 5th			
White can obviously not prevent Black from playing P to K 4th, and in connection with that impending advance, the Bishop's Pawn will become a source of weakness.			
6.	B to B 2nd		
7. B to Q 3rd			
The previous note also applies to this move.		13. Kt takes K P	P takes Kt
		14. B takes ♘	Kt to B 3rd
7.	Kt to Q 2nd	15. Castles Q R	P takes K P
8. B to Q 2nd	Kt to B 3rd	16. B takes K P	Kt takes B
9. P to K R 3rd	Castles	17. Q takes Kt	Kt to B 4th
10. P to K Kt 3rd		18. P to Q 5th	Kt takes B
		19. Q takes Kt	P takes P
To prevent P to B 5th; but the		And Black won.	

DRAUGHTS.

CAPTAIN CHALLICE, Q.W.R.—Solution to Problem No. 268 correct.

E. CASTLE.—Please write to T. O'Hara, 29, Queen Street, Queenstown, Ireland, who wishes to play by correspondence.

SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 271.—BY A. J. HEAD.

Black: 2, 9, 13, 21K, 22K.
White: 10, 17, 31, 8K, 30K.

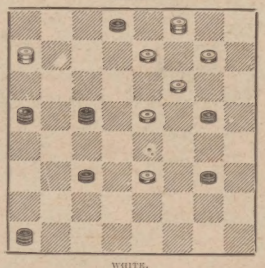
White to move, and draw.

17 14	22—31	8 22	27—32	22 18
9—18	10 7	31—27	26 23	Drawn.
31 26	2—11	30 26	21—17	

PROBLEM NO. 272.

BY F. J. MAIDWELL (Beckenham).

BLACK.



WHITE.

White to move, and win.

GAME NO. 223.

Played by correspondence, between Two "HOLY BOYS" (Bombay) and Private A. Woon (Bareilly).

"Ayrshire Lassie" (*).

11—15	26 22	8—12	31 27	10—14
24 20	4—8	24 19	3—7	8 3
8—11	23 19	15—24	19 15	14—17
28 24*	5—9	28 19	16—19	21 14
9—13	19 10	7—10	15 11	30—21
22 18	6—15	29 25	7—10	22 18
18—22	32 28	1—5	23 16	21—17
25 18	12—16	30 26	14—30	
10—15	27 23	10—14	16 11	B. Wins.

A. Wood played black.

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BY A FRESH HAND.

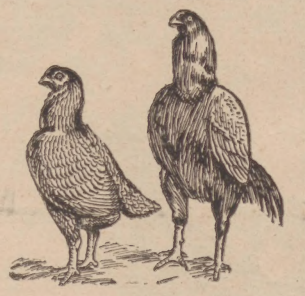
On Early Peas.

EARLY vegetables are, of course, the most profitable; consequently anyone wishing to make the garden pay its way is constantly on the look out for edible products likely to mature early, and thus be ready for sale before others of their kind. There are very many varieties of early peas, but one of the best is undoubtedly the Little Marvel, a dwarf marrow-fat of excellent type. Possessing most of the good properties of many popular varieties, it claims superiority in several important points, notably in the profuse bearing of pods, which are, by the way, produced uniformly in pairs. The pods are dark in colour, and much broader than most dwarfs, the height of the plant being but fifteen inches. In flavour the pea is delicious; and planted in February or March—always providing that the ground is in a fit state—a dish may be picked early in May or June. This variety I have proved to be all that is claimed by its grower, and as I am laying out part of my garden as a trial ground, I hope to be able to give other varieties now under test a character quite equal to that of the Little Marvel.

AN EARLY DWARF PEA.

Game-Birds.

The different varieties of game-fowls are always popular, their beauty and courage winning for them hosts of admirers. There are also many old followers of cock-fighting who have a strong affection for the various breeds, and in memory of the past still keep game-fowls, though, happily, they are no longer permitted to fight them. It is to be noted that a great change has come over the type of game-fowls, and old breeders strongly condemn the modern birds. In order to preserve the old type a club has been established, the object of which is to secure classes at shows for the Old English Game Fowl, and thus to encourage the breeding of it. The



INDIAN GAME.

old type is shorter in the leg, heavier in build, and looks in every way a better fighting bird. I now mention one or two of the leading varieties: The Ascel is small compared with our fowl, but is very muscular and intensely pugnacious, for which reason few people care to keep the variety. The black-breasted red is regarded as the chief of all the game varieties, and is certainly a very handsome bird; whilst brown-breasted reds are not quite so attractive in point of colour, the lemon, however, being very handsome. Yellow and silver duckwings, Malays, piles, white, and Indian game are the remaining varieties, the latter being highly prized as table fowls; whilst breeders find the species very useful for crossing with other poultry lacking size or stamina.

Wood Charcoal.

Can any reader supply me with the name and address of a firm supplying charcoal? The information is required by a North Wales correspondent. If "Chittia" will write to Mr. Barker, timber merchant, Shrewsbury, he may be placed in communication with a local dealer.

Gardening Books.

I have several inquiries for gardening handbooks, and both "Z" and "Amateur" could not do better than send 1s. 3d. in stamps to Carter and Co., High Holborn, London, for "The Practical Gardener." It is chock-full of most useful information, and is quite a standard book of reference. Cheaper handbooks, also very useful to amateurs, are those issued by Mr. G. Tucker, Salisbury Court, Fleet Street, London. This publisher asks me to state that he will readily send a list to any applicant. I am obliged to both for copies of their books.

Country Cottages.

I again have inquiries for country cottages, and will be pleased to hear of any to let. Gardens must be attached, and distance from the nearest railway station must be mentioned in each case. I cannot undertake to examine cottages within easy reach of London, as I did last spring, the first applicant I advised of two capital places to let in Sussex having neither acknowledged my letter nor refunded out-of-pocket expenses incurred in the search. This is over twelve months ago, and, although I have not troubled him to fulfil his promise, his lack of common courtesy has influenced me in a determination not to undertake such work in the future. All I can do is to bring landlords and likely tenants together, and this I will be very pleased to do.

Plymouth Rocks.

My correspondent "Sigma" should apply to Abbot Brothers, Thuxton, Norfolk. As regards the house and land required, I would advise him to advertise in the *P.J.P.*, or in such papers as the *Observer*, East Grinstead, or the *Kentish Mercury*, Greenwich, S.E. Should I hear of anything else to suit him in the course of my inquiries for country cottages, I will not fail to communicate with him.

N.B.—The "*P.J.P.* Farmer" will be pleased to reply to rural questions sent to him through the Editor of *The Penny Illustrated Paper*, 198, Strand, London, W.C.

THE RACING WORLD.

NOT for a very long while have managers of steeplechase-meetings been so thoroughly beaten by the weather as they have recently.

Even the Manchester Folks,

who cover up the whole of their hurdle-race and steeplechase tracks and think themselves able to defy frost, were beaten. The going underneath the covering was sufficiently protected till the snow came, but that settled the question against racing. In the middle of the week it was apparent that Hurst Park would have to follow the other executives' example, and get the Stewards' leave to give up all idea of business on Friday and Saturday; at least this was so till the Thursday, on which day the late Mr. Thomas Stevens's stud of horses in training, brood mares, etc., came up for

Auction at Sandown Park.

What a time we had then! Only about fifty people, all told, visited Esher. The wonder was that anyone went at all, so bitter was the wind and drenching the downpour. A depressing ending indeed this was to

Poor Tom Stevens's

public connection with the Turf; even that plucky philosopher—no man ever stood bad luck more gamely than he—would have felt himself hardly treated in having to dispose of his horses under such unfavourable conditions.

The floods of rain seemed almost equal to disposing of the remains of the frost and snow, and in a way almost rendered racing possible at Molesey on Friday. Next day all obstacle by way of drifted snow and frozen ground was removed; but the remedy was worse than the disease, for the rains which cleared the course brought the floods of which we are now hearing so much.

So Hurst Park Went

to join its unfortunate predecessors, unhappily despatched by the weather, and on Monday it was discovered that Derby had to go the same way.

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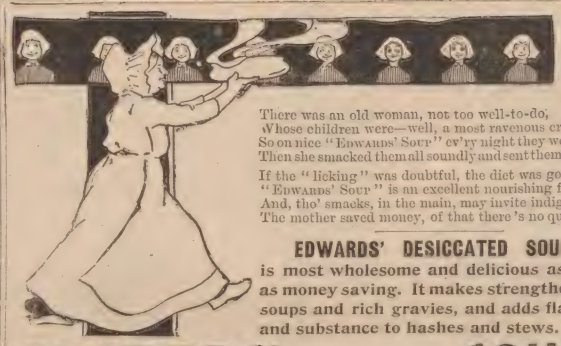

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Rosalind's Fashions.

BACKWARDS and forwards, here and there, and veritably "to one thing constant never," are the developments of fashion. Will-o'-the-Wisps might be considered a staid fixture in comparison; and the recorders of these ever-shifting movements, or women of fashion determined to be in the latest cry, or perish in the attempt, have all their work cut out to keep pace with the kaleidoscopic quick changes of the fickle leader of the eternal feminine.

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We Are Now, it seems, on the verge of innumerable sartorial moves, which I will in due course enlarge upon. First, however, I will deal with Fig. 1, which represents a typical toque of the moment, and which embraces a variety of millinery building materials not altogether to its advantage, in my personal opinion, for I maintain that these massed odds and ends of all and every give anything but an air of refinement or distinction, and fail in obtaining any desirable effect. My model has a crown of black and gold net-work, and is accompanied by purple velvet folds and ends, fan-bows of white lace, a black quill feather with gold spangles, bunches of yellow roses, and a large paste buckle.

A TYPICAL TOQUE.

* * * * *

A Smart Pleated Gown is shown in Fig. 2. This is expressed in powder-blue cashmere. The bodice and skirt, it will be seen, are formed entirely with single box-pleats. The neck of the bodice is opened V-shape, with a sailor collar of chocolate velvet tied with a powder-blue silk tie,

THE PLEATED GOWN.

and showing an under-collar of guipure lace over white taffetas. The sleeves and waistband are also of chocolate velvet.

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In My Last Sketch I have chosen one of the Directoire toilettes amongst these fascinating revivals as the one most likely to be adopted generally. This example for a spring toilette is of green faced cloth as to the upper or over robe, with big Robespierre revers and cuffs of green silk overlaid with green velvet, the large buttons being of gold and green filigree and enamel. The underskirt is of silk, to which the tucks described above—as allowed to go free at a point and thus form a flounce—are applied. The hat is, of course, Directoire shape, of green velvet, with a broad band of green ribbon held by a long gilt buckle, and having three green ostrich tips on the left side.

DIRECTOIRE REVIVAL.

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We Are This Coming Season to dip, it seems, into more than one picturesque period of the past for our modes. The dainty pointed bodices and full silken skirts; the flap-pocketed velvet coats and lace jabots of the Louis Seize fashions; and the distinct modes of the Directoire period, are all, with Empire gowns, to be exploited.

THE WORLD OF WOMEN.

THE "Masque of War and Peace," which was given at Her Majesty's Theatre on the wild and snowy night of Feb. 13, was entirely the work of ladies who are well known in Society. It was organised by

Mrs. Arthur Paget,

whose portrait, with the photograph of other radiantly beautiful ladies who took part in the charitable fête, graced the pages of the *Sketch* of Wednesday last.

This grand festival was in aid of the Guards' Widows and Orphans' war fund, and a sum approaching £8000 was collected. Each lady and gentleman, of course, paid for his or her costume. Mr. Beerbohm Tree

Lent his Theatre,

and in consequence there were but few deductions from the prices charged for admission, and they were not small. Many of the ladies who took part in the masque were very handsome, and perhaps the handsomest of all was the

Lovely Countess of Westmorland,

sister of the sweetly pretty Countess of Sutherland.

Miss Muriel Wilson

represented "The Spirits of War and Peace," and as the former, she appeared in gorgeous draperies

MR. F. R. BENSON AS HENRY V.

of blood-red silk crape; this beautiful material was swathed round her exquisite figure in the most cunning and carelessly graceful folds. On her breast she wore a shield of oxidised silver; on her head a towering helmet of the same, and in her right hand the flaming torch of the Goddess of War. Beneath the robes of red, in order to make the

Rapid Change to Peace

easy to accomplish, Miss Wilson had on the exquisite white garments of Peace, and when she appeared quickly the second time her head was bound with a fillet of red and white roses, and in her hand was an olive branch. She looked equally lovely in both rôles. The clever little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Beerbohm Tree made a charming figure in her flowing draperies, and she danced a quaint little measure to perfection.

Mr. F. R. Benson as Henry V.

To Mr. Benson every Shakspere-lover should feel grateful for giving us, at the Lyceum, so fine a rendering of "Henry V."—a performance, worthy of an artist, scholar, and a gentleman, of a play which is singularly apt for the present moment, every line telling home in our military troubles. 'Tis now over a decade since Mr. and Mrs. Benson gave us three of Shakspere's plays at the Globe Theatre. They now promise us an eight weeks' season—a Shaksperean cycle—with a change of bill each week, at the close of which the company goes to Stratford-on-Avon for the annual festival, where for many years Mr. Benson has been invited to preside at the Memorial Theatre. In opera a constant change of programme has long been the note: and Mr. Benson thinks, as did Phelps, that the highest aim for an actor-manager is to make constant change, and have a large répertoire of national dramatic poetry, with plays well cast and sufficiently well mounted to satisfy all demands. Not only is Mr. Benson a scholar and an actor. He was an athlete, a good footballer, jumper, and runner, all through his Winchester and Oxford days, and one who still keeps up more than a passing interest in all sports, remembering that a healthy body means a healthy mind.

His first histrionic success was when he was only fourteen years of age, as Desdemona. Then, in 1880, he organised a big performance of "Agamemnon," during Commemoration Week, playing Clytemnestra. There he was seen by Sir Henry Irving, and strongly advised to adopt the stage as a profession. Very shortly after he made his début on the Lyceum boards. He is a son of Mr. William Benson, of Langton, Alresford, and brother to Mr. W. A. S. Benson, the famous art-lamp dealer in Bond Street, and Mr. G. R. Benson, who sat for the Woodstock Division from 1892 to 1895; while one sister married Mr. Alfred Hunt, the artist, and another Mr. Heywood Sumner, also an artist, and the only son of the Bishop of Guildford. Mrs. Benson is a daughter of the late Captain Samwell, and began her professional life at the Lyceum as Miss Constance Featherstonhaugh, leaving to join Mr. Benson's company, marrying her manager in 1886: and to her help very much of his success is due, as well as the delightful social position which the whole company holds.

A word now about

Fashions for Young Girls

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Remain in Favour

it is difficult to say. Not very long, I should think. Stout women will not like pleats on their hips, and as stout women are not exactly unknown among us, their objections will have weight.

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While conversing with the late Professor Huxley, a friend asked him for a definition of the word "luck." This the Professor defined as "taking advantage of one's opportunities."

The wisdom of this utterance has been strikingly illustrated in the following case of a so-called "lucky man." Reading that a person of his own name was entitled to a fortune in Chancery, a Mr. Robert Robson, a woodman at Hexham, Northumberland, made application to the Court, and established his claim to £250,000, which had been in the possession of the Court 141 years, waiting for a claimant. Before Mr. Robson saw the book he had not the faintest idea that he was entitled to a fortune in Chancery.

The information which proved of such extraordinary value to this "lucky" man is contained in a most valuable Register published by Messrs. A. W. Foster and Co., 51, Osborne Chambers, Ludgate Hill, London, E.C., called "Foster's List of Heirs," price, post free, 1s. 6d., by Postal Order. More than £100,000,000 lies buried in the Court of Chancery awaiting Claimants, and 50,000 persons have been advertised for by the Court of Chancery and Trustees to claim this and other money. Yet this fact is known to but few people, hence the vast sums that are not claimed, and Messrs. Foster and Co. have collected all this valuable information together into a Register which will undoubtedly be the means of enabling large numbers of people in all parts of the country to claim what rightly belongs to them.

We earnestly recommend our readers to get a copy of this List at once; it may easily prove the great opportunity of their lives (and a fortune may await them, as it did Mr. Robson); they should take advantage of it, and become what envious people call "lucky."

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That maidens change their mind!

How could I know the passion that
Was sleeping in my heart
Would waken ere the echoes
Of your footstep could depart?
You had not crossed the threshold, dear,
Before my foolish tears
Were flowing over simple words
Regretted all these years.

As children we had roamed the hills
And joined the birds of May.
I have dead blossoms still you wove
Into a garland gay.
There seems to float their scented breath
Amid my present pain.
Their spring is past like mine, I know,
And will not come again.

We forge the links that close around
Our own life's happiness,
Then say 'tis "chance" or "fate"
We have no joy our lives to bless;
We murmur at the Love that leads,
The Hand that guides alway,
Though heedlessly we roam from flower
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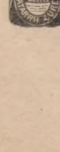

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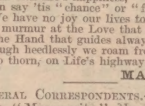

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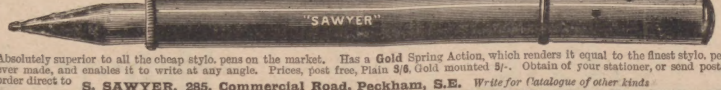

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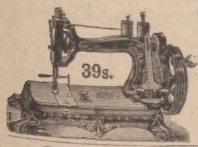

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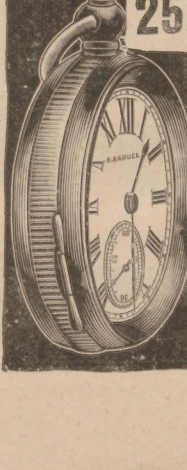

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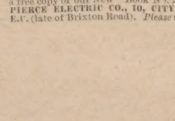

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